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Gentlemen, there were a couple stolen vehicles recovered over the weekend as a result of officers being alerted by the Flock system. Great work on the officers' part, for taking action after getting the alert! The Flock cameras did capture these "recovered" stolen vehicles again as they were being towed from the scene of the stop and, therefore, sent additional alerts. This is not that big of a deal, if it's being towed. However, if the vehicle is released to an R/O, it becomes very important that the vehicle be "Suppressed" from the Flock system ASAP so as to prevent an R/O from being stopped for driving their own "recovered stolen" vehicle. It takes some time (couple hours?) for CLETS to update Flock about the recovered stolen vehicle, so the purpose of the "Suppressed Hits" function is to cover that time frame so the Flock cameras stop alerting to them while awaiting the recovery notification from CLETS.

- To "Suppress" a hit in Flock, click on **Suppressed Hits**, click on **+ Add**, enter the license plate/State, and click on **Save.** The expiration date is an option for you to choose to have a plate suppression "expire".

- On the other hand, a Felony vehicle or Missing Child vehicle that was manually entered into the Flock system, can just be removed from the Hot List, as soon as practical after it is stopped or located.

Any questions about Suppressing or entering/removing a vehicle from Flock, please let me know or ask Shane Armstrong. Below is an excerpt from the ALPR Policy that covers some of this…

428.3.1 **ALPR HOTLISTS**

ALPR hotlists will automatically alert officers when a specified license plate has been detected. Those alerts will be generated from two sources: a list of reported stolen vehicles maintained by the State of California in the Stolen Vehicle System, and a department-maintained ALPR hotlist.
(a) Stolen vehicles will not generally be entered into an ALPR hotlist since that will occur when a CHP 180 form is completed, and the vehicle is entered into CLETS.
(b) Officers can request a Lieutenant, or, in the absence of a Lieutenant, the on-duty Watch Commander, enter a vehicle into a department-wide ALPR hotlist if there is an articulable reason to believe the vehicle, or likely occupant(s), have been involved in a felony, or other crime involving violence or weapons (misdemeanor or felony), or other situation involving a serious safety risk to a potential occupant of the vehicle or member of the public. The facts supporting the request shall be entered in the RMS system for a Lieutenant, or in the absence of a Lieutenant, Watch Commander approval before the vehicle is entered into the ALPR hotlist system.
(c) As soon as practical after stopping a vehicle pursuant to an ALPR hotlist alert, the officer who initiated the stop shall request a supervisor remove the vehicle from the

ALPR hotlist.
(d) Upon review of reports involving a vehicle stopped pursuant to an ALPR hotlist alert, supervisors shall check to ensure the vehicle has been removed from the ALPR hotlist. If it has not, the supervisor shall remove the vehicle from the hotlist.
(e) An ALPR hotlist alert, by itself, is not justification for a high-risk stop. Officers stopping a vehicle pursuant to an ALPR hotlist alert shall base their tactics on the individualized circumstances justifying the stop and entry into the ALPR system.

Thank you,

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